

Gelatin and Gelatin Capsules (Filled or Unfilled) for Animal Consumption

Gelatin and gelatin capsules for animal consumption must meet the same certification requirements as pet food (with the exception of the salmonella and enterobacteriaceae testing). Please go back to the previous screen and select “Pet food” for more information.

The certificate should be completed as indicated under “pet food.” No additional certifications may be included. However, the lines on the salmonella and enterobacteriaceae testing may be omitted. The certificate should refer to the capsules as pet food- although a more detailed description may also be provided in the “PRODUCT” box. The species of origin must be included in the “PRODUCT” box of the VS Form 16-4. If the animal origin material is bovine hide-derived gelatin- this should be in the product description. For example “pet food-dietary supplements (bovine hide origin).”

[In the event that gelatin is not animal origin- then a letterhead certificate must be obtained verifying only the following statement: Gelatin is plant origin.]

Exporters should verify that their importers are able to obtain control certificates with the available certificate prior to exporting.